

TAKE CHARGE Family Planning Program

PURPOSE: This section explains:

- What is **TAKE CHARGE**;
- How it is administered (through the state office, not the CSOs); and
- What is expected of CSO staff.

WAC

WACs for **TAKE CHARGE** are not published here because they are in statewide pilot status. Pilot WAC are in place to support this program. The pilot WAC for TAKE Charge is WAC 388-532-700 through –780 and are available at MAA's family planning website. <https://www2.wa.gov/dshs/maa/familyplan/index.html>

Permanent WAC is anticipated to be available sometime after July 2002.

CLARIFYING INFORMATION

1. **TAKE CHARGE** is a federally funded demonstration project, operated under a waiver of certain federal Medicaid requirements, to provide family planning services to men and women in Washington State who do not have a full scope of such services available to them. Clients must apply for the program through a **TAKE CHARGE** family planning provider.
2. Eligibility requirements:

The client must declare that:
 - a. They are a resident of Washington State;
 - b. They meet the citizenship or alien status requirements of WAC 388-424-0005;
 - c. They have income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (WAC 388-478-0075;
 - d. They are not a current recipient of medical assistance (other than MI (M99)); and

- e. They are in need of family planning services.
- 3. Applications for **TAKE CHARGE** that are taken by the family-planning provider are sent to the MEDS unit of MAA for processing. Processing takes place outside of ACES in order to ensure confidentiality and to avoid conflicts between ACES information and totally self-declared **TAKE CHARGE** application information.
- 4. Replacement medical ID cards may be obtained directly from MAA. The **TAKE CHARGE** client should telephone MAA at 1-877-787-2119.
- 5. All eligibility and service questions posed by **TAKE CHARGE** clients should be referred to the **TAKE CHARGE** provider where they enrolled.
- 6. Although ACES does assign a CLID to **TAKE CHARGE** clients, that CLID will not show up in ACES when the client applies at the CSO for any other program.

WORKER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Direct ineligible applicants to **TAKE CHARGE** providers for family planning coverage. A list of providers is available on the MAA Family Planning web site: <https://wvs2.wa.gov/dshs/maa/familyplan/index.html>
- 2. Re-direct **TAKE CHARGE** clients who mistakenly inquire at the CSO about their coverage to **TAKE CHARGE** providers.
- 3. Give **TAKE CHARGE** clients the toll-free telephone number when they inquire about replacement **TAKE CHARGE** medical ID cards. (1-877-787-2119)